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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH IN MOSCOW

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1. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED FROM APRIL 11 MEETING AT
CANADIAN EMBASSY OF CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES IN
MOSCOW:

-- ON BASIS OF AUTHORIZATION FROM OTTAWA, CANADIAN AMB.
FORD HAS ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT ASAP WITH EITHER FON. MIN.
GROMYKO OR FIRST DEP. FON. MIN. KORNIYENKO.

-- AT MEETING HE WILL HAND OVER CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS PLUS FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE: BEGIN TEXT. THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. IN THIS EFFORT, REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE MET ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, SWAPO, AND OTHER PARTIES PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED. IN EARLY FEBRUARY, OUR GOVERNMENTS PRESENTED THE PARTIES WITH A JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION, AND LATER IN THE MONTH OUR FOREIGN MINISTERS HELD TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WITH THE PARTIES. AT THOSE MEETINGS, AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS SINCE THEN, A NUMBER OF POINTS WERE RAISED ABOUT OUR PROPOSAL. SOME WERE MATTERS OF DRAFTING; OTHERS WERE MORE SUBSTANTIVE. OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED EVERY POINT THAT WAS RAISED AND HAVE MADE SOME AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY THE TEXT.

WE HAVE NOW PRESENTED THE REVISED PROPOSAL TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND HAVE FORMALLY TRANSMITTED THE PROPOSAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR CIRCULATION AS AN CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIAL SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT. IT HAS THE UNRESERVED BACKING OF OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT CAN BRING ABOUT A RAPID AND PEACEFUL END TO THIS LONG-STANDING DISPUTE.

OUR GOVERNMENTS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSAL AS WE BELIEVE IT OFFERS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA AND THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROCESS OF DETENTE.

OUR GOVERNMENTS HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD, WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.
MOSCOW, APRIL 11, 1978.

2. GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID FRG EMBASSY IN PRAGUE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE THAT TEXT OF DEMARCHE IN PRAGUE BE THE SAME AS THAT MADE IN MOSCOW.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT WHEN DEMARCHE HAS BEEN MADE IN

MOSCOW. TOON

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